

Parent April Newsletter

Goals for Success

Setting academic goals is essential to a student's success. Goals give direction and also help you as a parent gauge if your child is making progress. Fitzhugh Dodson said, "Without goals, and plans to reach them, you are like a ship that has set sail with no destination."

Talk with your child about setting measurable, attainable goals. This will have a positive impact on your child by encouraging him to focus on specific actions to achieve those goals, and it helps you gauge progress so you can make adjustments to strategies that are not working.

Be sure to talk with your child's teacher about academic goals. As you work together, think about the following questions.

- How will I know if my child is making progress?
- If my child is not making progress, how can I help?
- What learning goals have been met?
- Is my child actively engaged in learning?
- Is my child meeting homework goals?
- Is my child college and career ready?
- What resources are available for assisting my child in college and career planning?

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We play an active role in promoting the social and emotional wellbeing of children and families in our own community and state. What can you do as a parent to recognize and combat child abuse? The Arkansas Department of Human Services has provided important information at <http://www.stoparchildabuse.com/>.

Familiarize yourself with the signs of child abuse and neglect. Every child in Arkansas deserves to have a happy childhood. To help make that possible, think about the following questions.

- What do I do if I suspect a child is being abused?
- How can I become involved in local child abuse prevention programs?
- What are the signs that a child is being abused?
- How should I communicate with my child's teachers if I suspect a student is being abused?



<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/my-childmy-student>